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SUBJECT: RPP OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON U.S. REACTION TO ISRAELI-
UGANDA RAID

1. MILLIYET JULY 10 REPORTED THAT REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S
PARTY (RPP) DEP SEC GEN HASAN ESAT ISIK CONTRASTED THE U.S.
REACTION TO THE ISRAELI RAID INTO UGANDA WITH OUR REACTION
TO THE TURKISH INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS. SAID ISIK: "COUNTRIES
DETERMINE ON THEIR OWN WHEN TO USE THE WEAPONS IN THEIR HANDS.
THEY ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE REACTION THIS MAY CAUSE IN
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. HOWEVER, A STATE WHICH IMPOSES AN
EMBARGO IN ONE CASE, AND DOES NOT IN ANOTHER UNDER THE SAME
CONDITIONS IS COMPELLED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE
RESULTING POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS OF THIS EVENT. IT IS NECESSARY
FOR THE NATIONALIST FRONT GOVERNMENT TO ANNOUNCE ITS INTER-
PRETATION OF THIS EVENT."

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2. JULY 10 HURRIYET REPORTED THAT AMERICAN LAWYERS WERE
CRITICIZING THE ISRAELI ACTION AS A VIOLATION OF U.S.
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH REACTION TO THE ISRAELI RAID IS NOT A
MAJOR THEME IN CURRENT TURKISH PRESS AND POLITICAL COMMENTARY,
WE ARE REPORTING ISIK'S STATEMENT BECAUSE: (1) IT IS INDICATIVE
OF THE TENDENCY OF TURKS TO VIEW INTERNATIONAL EVENTS THROUGH
THE PRISM OF THE CYPRUS OPERATION AND RESULTING ARMS
EMBARGO; (2) THE RPP MAY DECIDE TO USE THIS COMPARISON IN
CRITICIZING U.S. POLICY AND IN ITS ATTACKS ON THE DEMIREL
GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY; AND (3) ISIK WILL BE ACCOM-
PANYING RPP CHAIRMAN ECEVIT IN A VISIT TO THE U.S. IN LATE
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